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## **FORMER STOCKTON POLICE OFFICER INDICTED FOR CHILD SEX OFFENSES**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that a federal grand jury returned a four-count indictment yesterday charging JOHN KRIVOKAPICH, 41, of Stockton, Calif., with coercion and enticement, transfer of obscene material to a minor, receipt of child pornography, and possession of child pornography.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Stockton Police Department, the Boone County Missouri Sheriff's Department, the Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Reardon, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that between January 1, 2008 and June 24, 2008, KRIVOKAPICH enticed a minor female in Missouri to engage in illegal sexual conduct. Additionally, on May 23, 2008, he sent obscene matter to a minor under the age of 16. Finally, between April 2004 and June 2008, he received and possessed visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. When the minor's parent contacted the Stockton Police Department, they recognized KRIVOKAPICH as a police officer who had left the department in 2001.

If convicted, KRIVOKAPICH faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a life time of supervised release. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information, visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov) or call the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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